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Rap from the street of New York

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Newark delegation bonds with Tenerife, Canary Islands

It was a distinct honor and pleasure for the sixty-five members and friends of the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce to accompany Newark Mayor Sharpe James as he officially named Tenerife, one of the islands of the Canary Islands, sister city to Newark. Together with the President of Cabildo, Adan Martin, Mayor James signed the official document joining Newark and Tenerife. An official Newark tie and other gifts were also exchanged during the festivities held in Santa Cruz, the capital of Tenerife, a Spanish territory off

the coast of Africa. Led by Senior Vice President of the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce, Linda Sweeney, 66 travelers composed of chamber directors, friends, and family enjoyed 6 days of sun, fun, and sightseeing.

For some, the trip was their reward for successfully recruiting new members for the Metro Chamber while others went to take advantage of reasonable cost of the trip itself.

The presence of Mayor James gave the group "dignity" (Continued on page 3)

Plainfield Council Approves Beautification Plan.

by Kelly McCoy

After more than 20 years of discussion concerning what is to be done with Park Madison, the city has come up with a plan that appears to be economically wise and sensitive to improving the city's overall appearance.

Last week, after debating the need for taxable property vs the need to improve the city's image, the city council approved a beautification plan for Park Madison. This plan involves turning the site into a park filled with grass, trees, and shrubbery, a jogging trail, walkways, a 100 car parking lot, a play area for children, and designs to accommodate outdoor

festivals and events.

"Work on the site may begin as early as March," says Economic Director Marcus Dasher.

The city rejected a \$600,000 bid to put an expanded McDonald's at part of the site because, as Dasher explained, "The [Redevelopment] agency didn't want to parcel off the prime piece of the site and use it for commercial development. It would hamper the city's ability to develop around it. Some members of the council found the bid to be acceptable stating some positive aspects of an expanded McDonald's such as increased employment opportunities. According to" (Continued on page 8)

Mayor Cooper announces formation of CD-2000

EAST ORANGE, N.J.—East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper announced the formation of a city-wide effort to develop a comprehensive plan for community development services in the city. Entitled CD-2000, this year long process will seek to "build bridges between city government and other resources in order to improve the quality of life for the residents of East Orange," commented Mayor Cooper.

Nine preliminary areas have been identified for policy development and action planning. They are Recreation, Youth, Arts and Culture, Senior Citizen Services, Housing, the Handicapped, Economic Development and Day Care. The structure includes a steering committee spearheading the effort and focus groups from which most of the data will be derived. The data collected from the focus groups, scheduled to take place over the next several months will be used to develop a working document for publication by late 1991. Services providers and users will be invited to participate in the focus group sessions to discuss current services available, the adequacy of those services and suggestions for improvement.

During the meeting, Mayor Cooper stated, "It is anticipated the outcome of this process will be a plan that the people who live and work in East Orange buy into. This process is vital in that the city is to be a successful competitor for the shrinking dollars available to municipalities."

Mayor Cooper has invited social service providers, community representatives, area business people, and educators to serve on the steering committee.

Tell me have you seen them?



Gospel Clefs, 1960

Can you help Newark Public Library find this singing group?

Newark Public Library needs assistance from City News readers in gathering details on the history of singing groups photographed by long-time Newark resident Al Henderson.

Gospel and secular groups are included in the photographs by Mr. Henderson, who died in January of last year. Mr. Henderson was the foremost African-American portrait photographer in Newark for many years, and the pictures date from the well known

Bergen Legion sends food to the Gulf

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Bradley has to get his act together

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Mayor Sharpe James gives book on Newark Renaissance to President Aden Martin during the reception.

Morristown residents oppose black commissioners' resignations

MORRISTOWN, N.J.—Residents of the Second Ward showed up in record numbers Tuesday, November 20 to voice their disapproval of the forced resignations of four members of the Morristown Housing Authority—speech of Commissioners by the Council.

Letters dated November 6, 1990 were hand delivered to Commissioners Barbara Wilson, Dorothy Johnson, Janet Winston, and Thelma Green, urging them to resign immediately.

According to Council member

Donald Crestillo, the Council received documents from Housing Authority staff members requesting an investigation of the Housing Authority. "We voted 6-0 to look into this issue."

Written by Crestillo, the only Black on the Town Council said, "I want to go on record; the Commissioners were not made" (Continued on page 10)

New appointment presents opposition

by Karen Glover

MORRISTOWN, N.J.—As the smoke clears, following the forced resignation of former Morristown Housing Authority executive director, John Taylor, it appeared on the surface to be business as usual during last night's Board of Commissioners meeting. However, by night's end, it was clear that an undermining air of dissent prevails between the two factions of the board.

No where was this dissension more evident than in the table seating arrangement where the stern-faced, old blood veteran

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Villani takes lead on homeless services

NEWARK—Municipal Councilwoman-at-large Marie L. Villani recently announced several "needed and tangible" goals she and agencies who service the homeless will embark upon, in order to better serve this population in Newark. Villani said that she recognizes the fact that "the agencies and individuals who operate the existing food programs are overworked, underpaid and in need of "dollar power," in order to enhance their ability to do more for the homeless." That is why she has taken the recent series of meetings which for the first time brought these agencies into a centralized setting, and worked with them to come up with recommendations. The Councilwoman has also proposed that the Municipal Council adopt an Ordinance which would establish a "Mayor Commission on the Homeless," aimed at concentrat-

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EV Lattimore to be honored at breakfast

The Friends of Ev Lattimore will formally honor Dr. Everett C. Lattimore at a breakfast on December 8, to be held at 9:00 a.m. at Plainfield High School cafeteria. In addition to honoring Dr. Lattimore for his pioneering effort for the progress of Plainfield in general and African-Americans specifically, the breakfast will help to raise funds to purchase an appropriate plaque to place on the newly named Everett C. Lattimore City Hall Annex.

Among his many accomplishments as scholar, athlete, educator, minister, and politician, Dr. Lattimore was the first African-American to be elected to the City Council of Plainfield, the first African-American to be elected to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Union County, the first African-American to be

elected mayor of Plainfield and the first African-American to be elected mayor in Central New Jersey.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5. For more information and tickets, call 757-3944 or 754-3400.



Dr. Everett C. Lattimore

South Africa's police continue to harass demonstrators

by Daniel Marolen

Although the constitutional negotiations to draw up a new constitution for a non-racial and democratic nation in South Africa are due early in 1991, the ANC, Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal and other black activists are perturbed by the continuance of the Township Commissions which are a strong structure of the apartheid system that hold down the Blacks of the country in subjugation.

Currently, black activists are waging a dour struggle against the Township Commissions which they want to see disbanded before the start of the black-white negotiations for a new constitution.

But last Saturday, President de Klerk's police and military

forces clashed with black activists who were demonstrating against the system of black Town Commissions—apartheid Johannesburg—and other main urban centers.

In the skirmishes that followed, at least one person died, and 16 were wounded, six severely from police gunfire. But the demonstrators countered the police action by throwing rocks, bottles, lumps of concrete and petrol bombs. Several police were damaged, and one policeman was injured.

The clash began when a Johannesburg magistrate rejected a march by demonstrators after they had been granted permission to

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Business in the Black

by Charles E. Belle

African Americans and other minorities receive less Medicare Care service

While it is estimated that resolving the savings and loan larceny will cost \$500 billion or \$2,000 for each American for the next 30 years, your health is personally in jeopardy just breathing. By being a black face in a Republican administration, a cabinet member like U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., is always on the spot. Especially when his department oversees almost 40% of the entire U.S. federal budget. But this African American had no answers to providing adequate equal health services to the African American and other minority communities

when asked in front of the Commonwealth Club of California, San Francisco luncheon audience, overflown with health care professionals.

Sullivan seems to be doing the saying, "Simon says do that." The all too familiar saying of those with no new ideas of their own, ordering all others to come up with ideas and get together. The lack of leadership by Sullivan's own leader in this area is reflective of Republican Administration's recent rejection of the Civil Rights Act. An action which in itself would have protected and

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Plainfield fans and cheerleaders turn out for PHS Thanksgiving homecoming game



Photo by Ray Bailey

CITY PEOPLE

Newark recognizes Nov. as National Adoption Month



Newark Mayor Sharpe James, at a recent ceremony in his office, attended by Councilman Ronald Rice, presented proclamations to commemorate November as National Adoption Month in the City of Newark. From left: Mayor James, Mrs. Karen Baynard (adopting mother with 1 mos. old son Raymond), Mr. Howard Baynard (adopting father with 17 mos. old adopted son), and Councilman Rice.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently recognized November as National Adoption Month and urged residents to consider "opening their hearts and homes" to children waiting to be adopted.

The Mayor presented proclamations to the North Ward Cultural Center, the Children's Aid and Adoption Society (C.A.A.S.), and the Division of Youth and Family Services (D.Y.F.S.) during a ceremony in his office. Each of the organizations was lauded for its dedication and commitment to the welfare of children within the State of New Jersey.

"The purpose of National Adoption Month is to promote greater awareness of the dire need for stable and loving families to adopt. I salute these organizations and its members for their tireless efforts to find homes for our children and unite them with caring families," said Mayor James.

According to statistics from D.Y.F.S., there are currently over 2000 children in need of adoption in the State of New Jersey and over 600 within Essex County.

State Senator and West Ward Councilman Ronald L. Rice, who was also present, agreed, "We need to give them (children) positive role models with positive family settings, and I commend each of these fine organizations involved with this effort," said Rice.

Stephen Adubato, executive director of the North Ward Cultural Center, Barbara Saul, C.A.A.S. social worker, and Mary Bossack, a casework supervisor for D.Y.F.S., accepted the proclamations for their respective organizations. Stephen Adubato was also awarded a "Distinguished Citizens Award" for hosting the "Annual Children's Christmas Party" for D.Y.F.S., an event that the Cultural Center has hosted for the past 13 years.

Also in attendance were Eleanor George, director of the North Ward Day Care Center and Karen and Howard Baynard, a couple who recently adopted a 17-month-old boy through C.A.A.S.

AIDS day observed in December

The first annual Newark City of Families' World AIDS Day, sponsored by the Newark Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), will be observed, Saturday, December 1, from 11:45 p.m. to 2 p.m., with a candle-light, communal service at the University of Rutgers Newark, Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Martin Luther King Boulevard.

The event originally was scheduled to begin on the steps of City Hall. The entire ceremony will now take place at the Robeson Center and will include a presentation of bilingual proclamations.

Health department officials said over 150 countries around the world, including the United States, have designated this day to draw public attention to the AIDS epidemic and to focus on AIDS education and prevention efforts.

The day also marks the third annual recognition of World AIDS Day by its founding agency, the World Health Organization (WHO).

Area residents earn honors

Six Newark residents are among the 248 students at St. Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, who have earned academic honors for the first marking period, announced Fr. Thomas F. Denay, S.J., principal of the Jesuit school. They are: Joseph Pereira and Arthur Monaco (First Honors); Alben Fischer (Second Honors); and Richard Faustino, Michael Albancese and Manuel Pereira (Honorable Mention).



Charlene Taylor of Newark, principal clerk stenographer is congratulated on 10 years of service to New Jersey Institute of Technology.



Employees honored for service Rose Woody of Newark, left, custodian, is congratulated on 10 years of service to New Jersey Institute of Technology by Dr. Saul K. Fenster, right, university president. Seventy-six university faculty and staff members, all with at least 10 years of service, were honored recently for contributing a combined 1,265 years of service to New Jersey's technological university.



Stella Lawrence, left, manager of the yarn department at Fabric Land of North Plainfield and Viola Richardson (resident of Plainfield) administrative assistant at the Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross look over hats that have been donated to the "Hats for Kids" project at Fabric Land. Free Patterns and instruction sheets are available at the store for anyone interested in knitting hats for needy children in the area. The finished hats must be picked up and distributed throughout the winter months. For further information, call Fabric Land at 755-4700.

Drylongso at the Newark Public Library

F.E.W. Harper Literary Society Roundtable

For the last monthly meeting of the year, the F.E.W. Harper Literary Society will discuss Drylongso: A Self-Portrait of black America by anthropologist John Langston Gwaltney. The roundtable discussion, to be held on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the African-American Room, will be led by Sandra West, Society coordinator.

Drylongso, a compilation of forty-two interviews of members of what the author terms the "core black culture" of the Northeast urban centers, has been described as "Powerful, eloquent and, I hope, disturbing," by the writer Studs Terkel.

The term, drylongso, means "ordinary" or everyday. The interview reveal ordinary people, affording a self-portrait of African-American culture "as it is perceived by the vast majority of Afro-Americans who are working members of stable families in pursuit of much the same kind of happiness that preoccupy the rest of American society."

Dr. John Langston Gwaltney was born in Orange, New Jersey. He received his Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University, where he was a student of Dr. Margaret Mead.

Admission to the discussions are free. The Library is at 5 Washington Street. For further information telephone 733-5411.



A Pair for fashion & fund raising. Auxiliaries of the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation raised approximately \$20,000 for the benefit of Kessler's Patient Services Fund during a fashion show which they conducted as their fall fund raiser. Fashions for the event, which took place at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, were provided by Saks Fifth Avenue. All who attended the lovely evening sported the same accessories: smiles! Among the auxiliaries who attended were Plainfield resident Julie Carter, right Kathy Houlsha of Glen Ridge, left, and Lucille Albrowicz of Linden.

Wine tasting Benefit for the "Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark"

NEWARK-The 11th Annual Wine Tasting Benefit for the "Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark" will be held in the courtroom of the "New Museum" on Thursday, December 6, 1990, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will feature sampling of wines and food from around the world. For the benefit of guests, the tasting will be led by a wine connoisseur, who will describe each of the evening's wine selection. A raffle drawing will also be conducted.

"The Annual Wine Tasting Benefit is our opportunity, as professionals working in Newark, to express how much we appreciate the 'Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark's' stewardship of so many children in the city," said Sharon Lindsay-Walton, chairwoman of the event. "This year we are fortunate to be returning to the Newark Museum for our eleventh anniversary celebration."

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, a youth development guidance organization serving over 5,000 children, prepares Newark's children to become productive citizens and to enhance their ability to become an integral part of the mainstream of American society. The organization operates four units located throughout the city, and provides boys and girls with opportunities to use their leisure time productively.

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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

SCOTCH PLAINS—Unplugging the Holiday Machine will be presented by the Mothers' Center of Central Jersey at 8 p.m. For information call 201-561-1751.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will present an exhibit of recent watercolors by Elaine Langari Reed in Artspace, Haddon Hall, room 323, 2039 Kennedy Blvd. For further information call (201) 547-3441.

WESTFIELD—The Union County Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions/Inc. will hold a workshop on the Johnson Institute Method of Family Intervention from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 300 North Ave. To register call 253-8810.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

FORT LEE—The fourth annual Black Doll Show and Sale featuring beautiful collectible dolls at 2339 Route 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For additional information call (201) 568-4709.

WEST LONG BRANCH—A second annual statewide Conference on Community services for New Jersey High School and College Students will be held at Monmouth College from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call (201) 571-3496.

SCOTCH PLAINS—In memory of Santana Hannah, there will be a Benefit Banquet given at the Italian-American Hall 1976 Valley Avenue, 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 568-7326.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

KENILWORTH—The Union County Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions, Inc. presents a special seminar that will offer guidelines for the State's new Municipal Alliance program called "Schools and Communities: A Collaboration to Prevent Substance Abuse," the seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

JERSEY CITY—Circuit Circus' workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Haddon Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a Special one day course on "The Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment" for licensed professionals in health-related fields and education. To register or for further information call 547-3157.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

WESTFIELD—The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County 4-H Program will host a workshop on "How to Build Your Own Holiday Gingerbread House." Children ages 7 to 12 are welcome. The program will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 300 North Ave. East. To register call 654-9854.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Program will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 305 East Front Street. For information, call 733-3505.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

ROSELAND—The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants will administer the Society's Scholarship Award Examination on Saturday and Sunday. The exam will determine the awarding of scholarships for high school seniors who intend to major in accounting in college. For information contact your Guidance Counselor or KNECAPP Office at 201-226-4494.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

NEWARK—Visitors Day at Essex County College from 10 to 7 p.m., 303 University Avenue. For information call 201-877-3208.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

ORANGE—Peppermint Entertainment Complex presents a Senior Citizen Luncheon 12:00 noon at 173 Central Avenue. For more information, call 266-6061.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

CRANFORD—Jayne Aubele, a planetary geologist at Brown University will speak on her work on a pilot solar system exploration program with the Soviet Union, 8 p.m. at Union County College. The presentation will be held in the Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford Campus.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

PLAINFIELD—The annual meeting of the Plainfield Branch, NAACP, will be held at Whitney Young Apartments meeting room, 300 Central Avenue at 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

JERSEY CITY—Wrap Up a Wave' workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Haddon Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

JERSEY CITY—Amazing Magnets' workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Haddon Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

JERSEY CITY—"Rain or Shine" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Haddon Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

JERSEY CITY—"Up, Up, and Away" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Haddon Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

EDITORIAL

As we begin the busy holiday season, it's very important to take the time to reflect on how fortunate we really are. If we take a good look at what's going on in the world, we see that to have health, adequate shelter, food, and the simple comforts of home is truly a blessing.

In reflecting on our lives we must not forget those less fortunate. As one of the wealthiest countries in the nation we must bear the shame of hunger, homelessness, illiteracy, unemployment, drugs—hopelessness.

This holiday season is a particularly sobering one in that as we prepare for gala activities here, young men and women stand guard in the desert of Saudi Arabia, ready to defend the honor of our country.

In Bergen County, members of the Henry Douglas American Legion; Post 58, are working to make sure that these young men and women know that we appreciate their efforts by collecting goods from local residents, merchants, and manufacturers to be shipped to our military in the Middle East. We can make a substantial contribution to the welfare of those committed to preserving our safety and comfort by donating small items, such as packaged cookies, wrapped hard candy, soft toilet paper, etc.—item that are difficult for service people to obtain.

To date the Henry Douglas American Legion; Post 58 has shipped 200 lbs. of candy, books, and magazines. The Legion welcomes any donations that you want to share with those stationed in a distant and hostile land this holiday season. Donations may be made through the Douglas American Legion at 151 Forest Avenue in Englewood.

Business Exchange

by William Reed

The Great Media War

People foolish enough to believe their daily "The Witness News" telecast think that war in the Persian Gulf is just and necessary and that our troops can win such a campaign in a matter of minutes. With few exceptions, we are getting a mass media steady diet of only one side of the current crisis. Most blacks who accept ongoing media reports are like the presenting broadcast and print journalists, victims of U.S. government propaganda, our biased upbringing, and limited personal knowledge of the Middle East.

While the Administration prepares the American public for a coming war, the Great American mass media is definitely not

the place to go for the full story of Iraq and the Persian Gulf/Middle East situation. It is particularly important for patriotic African-Americans, whose sons and daughters will have more than an equal opportunity to die in the Middle East, to understand that Arabs are getting the same kind of negative treatment in the press that we are used to seeing and hearing about ourselves. President Bush, the "Evening News" broadcasts and the daily papers that African-Americans frivolously rely on for information, only give out bits and pieces of a much larger story that exists in the Middle East. But, unlike us, neither Bush nor the TV anchors

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by Connie Woodruff

As expected his victory was a landslide and everybody was happy. N.J. had sent a very special man to the U.S. Senate, one who literally towered over his colleagues, understood the rules of fair play, had come from a humble mid-west background, was a Princeton graduate and a prestigious Rhode Scholar.

He was not envisioned as ever getting so caught up in the Washington syndrome that he would ever forget who made it possible for him to play on the world court of political grandiosity.

Our "Mr. Smith" went to Washington because he did and said all the right things on the campaign trail, including having a woman, Susan Thomas, as campaign manager.

For a while he maintained field offices in Newark and Camden black neighborhoods. That made blacks feel he was accessible and Sharpe James assured us he was.

Commissioner of Labor Ray Bramucci resigned as an officer of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union to head up Bradley's N.J. office and of course labor was delighted.

There were staff members who concentrated on issues like

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As I See It...

Bradley needs to get his act together

women, education, welfare and the seat.

But as time went by a lot of the comradery dissolved into an attitude of tolerance and the Sen. Florio's curtesy involvement with his primary constituents, minorities, labor, youth and senior citizens began to slowly erode the peoples confidence in him as their sincere spokesperson.

This year his refusal to defend or condemn a fellow Democrat, Gov. Florio once came across to the electorate as a "let 'em eat cake" attitude.

When Marie Antoinette uttered those fatal words, "Let 'em eat cake," the citizens cut off her head. Had it not been for Essex and Hudson county pluralities on election day, Bill Bradley would have tasted the bitter dregs of defeat for one of the few times in his long and successful public life.

Senator Bill Bradley's near defeat by Christine Todd Whitman was a sobering lesson for him. Governor Florio and hopefully, the Democratic Party in New Jersey.

Bradley said as much while thanking the party faithful for his victory and other leaders admitted taking the electorate for granted is a risk in today's climate of voter frustration and distrust.

In my opinion Bradley's near miss was not based solely on Florio's action on taxes, education, the state budget and hiring practices as Governor.

Very simply, Bill Bradley seems to have grown away from the people who first elected him to office.

Some of us remember when the Bradley name kept popping up as a probable candidate for governor when his retirement from the Knicks basketball team went from rumor to reality.

Then governor Brendan Byrne was considered "fitty" for a second term. Bradley, a hero to basketball enthusiasts, was all odds-on favorite to beat Byrne in a primary fight.

It was a political coup to convince the charismatic athlete to accept the Democratic candidacy for N.J. Senator. The party wanted a Bill Bradley on their

team. He was a sure winner with all the attributes to make him attractive to voters of all ages, economic levels, genders and political persuasions.

A team of democratic and Republican activists fanned out the state to organize support. They included leaders from both parties, including the sitting governor (Byrne), blacks like then Mayor Ken Gibson and So. Ward Councilman Sharpe James and the late Joe Jacobson whose assignment was to bring the membership of the AFL-CIO union into the fold.

At the outset, Bradley involved himself with influential politicians on a personal basis and campaigned hard among the state's diverse groups.

He says from now on he'll be a "better politician, a better public servant and a better person."

Chances are he has also learned that when the folks back home send "Mr. Smith to Washington," they expect him (or her) to remember the bridges that carried them across the Potomac.



Letters

To The Editor,

President Bush has declared this November to be National Hospice Month, a time to acknowledge and honor all those who have dedicated their lives to providing caring service to our nation's terminally ill and their loved ones. Hospice ensures comfort and companionship, as well as a meaningful sense of security, hope and peace for all involved during a difficult and fearful time.

The Haven Program at JFK Medical Center in Edison would

like to call special attention at this time to the extraordinary contributions of the professionals and volunteers who give so much every day to make hospice care a reality. Their brave and generous efforts contribute quietly but deeply to the quality of life for everyone in our community and therefore deserve our recognition and gratitude.

David Rogoff
Director of Haven
JFK Medical Center

Dear Editor

First, local 617 would like to thank Council President Ralph Grant for bringing local 617's officers and the director of the Newark Preschool Council, Audrey Harris, together in order to bring about a settlement of the strike. He had the foresight to see the most important issue is the children and their being able to return to their classes. Local 617 feels that by working in harmony with the director, the Newark Preschool Council board and the employees, the program will be what it is intended to be, which is children getting a viable pre-school education and employees receiving what is due them.

Pre-school for these youngsters is a very important and formative time of their lives. First of all, we are the employees who live and work in this community, providing the children with a loving, caring and learning environment, and the action that was taken was not intended to hurt the children. We were on strike because we could not provide quality care for ourselves and our families. It hurt us as employees to have kept the program closed, but it was the only way to make management understand that we, the caregivers of the children, needed and deserved decent salaries, health benefits and a clear safe place to work, play and learn.

We would also like to thank the parents for supporting us during these trying and difficult times. Also we would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Newark community, including the Black Churchmen, and a special thanks to Mrs. Carole Graves, president of the Newark Teachers' Union, Mr. Charles Bell, member of the Newark Board of Education, Mr. Eugene Campbell, superintendent of schools, Mr. Archer Cole, president of the Industrial Union Council, Mr. Frank Darcy, president, Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, Mr. Bob Weaver, director of Labor Agency Services, and Mr. Thomas Giblin, president of Local 68, Operating Engineers Union.

John Johnson, Executive VP
Local 617, S.E.U.

"Quality" of quality education review teams questioned

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

conditions cited by the team's findings, than what was acceptable to them.

The furor and controversies which have been aroused around the releases of some of the State Department of Education so-called external review team reports should have been anticipated. The process was flawed from the beginning, particularly when parents, teachers and concerned citizens were excluded from these "external review" teams.

Team members were comprised of members who were supposedly experts, or who had some type of background in the education field. I'm sure they were all highly competent and qualified individuals. Unfortunately, to ask them to come into a district and within just five to ten days do an extensive review that really focuses in on every aspect of the school district's programs, was unrealistic. These teams needed the inclusion of people who were more familiar with the districts—who knew where some of the "bodies were buried."

If some school administrators are now complaining about the final reports, imagine if all of the truths were uncovered! The fact that there were several revisions made to the original reports, has led many to question the validity of the process, and the seriousness of this entire undertaking.

This has led to a lot of skepticism and distrust among community residents and school employees who worry that the real concerns and problems existing in these school districts will not be addressed.

The first version was rejected by members of the external review team who apparently received a great deal of assistance from state education department staff members. Team members apparently felt that those staff members tried to put more of a positive light on the problems and

second version, accept some of the more harsher comments were deleted.

The end results from all of these revisions and modifications in the various team reports, are that many now believe that a lot of the problems will still not be addressed when additional money comes into these districts. Since there are many who do not want our children to receive more money to raise their standard of education, it's unfortunate, that once again bureaucrats, concerned about making themselves look good, have been allowed to tamper with the process, and cloud the real issues and concerns.

School officials need to spend less time in being so defensive. Instead, their time would be better spent in developing plans to address the problems which exist in the districts. The districts actually made out quite well, even though many of the reports were critical of some of the practices and programs which are in place. If teachers and parents had been included on the external review teams, a more accurate assessment would have been made, and undoubtedly school officials would have really been up in arms. Nevertheless, the reports should be of some use in providing an overall assessment of some of the problems which have to be corrected.

Community residents need to obtain a copy of the revised versions, and use it as just one more instrument to review their school district's programs. State and school officials need to stop being so defensive, and allow the public to really know the truth. This continual effort to cover-up and try to gloss over the problems will put the Quality Education Act initiatives in danger. The real losers in that case, (as it always seems to be) will be our children.

Quote of the Week

Intellectuals ought to study the past not for the pleasure they find in so doing, but to derive lessons from it.

Cheikh Anta Diop

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

CAN'T TOUCH THIS

Now how can I use this knowledge to work for me?

Procrastination proves poisonous

Are you a procrastinator? This may seem like a big word (Get used to these type of words; the SAT is upon you) but it simply means that you are one who puts off till tomorrow what you could do today! If you are a procrastinator getting into the college of your choice may be a bit harder. Application time may be just the thing you need to kick this habit, before college.

The situation in high school:
On November 17, your teacher assigns a 20-page research paper, that must include illustrations and an artistic cover, due by January 2. By November 21, you are to have an abundant supply of notes, from which you are to start your paper. You meet the note-taking deadline. Although, while at the library you ran into friends, and decided to have a pow-wow while taking notes. You discover that the notes you have taken really don't have any information pertaining to your topic. Yes, you are back to square one. Over the Thanksgiving holiday, you eat a lot of turkey, entertain a lot of relatives, mind you, the research paper is further from your mind than school. Before you know it, it's Christmas break and school recess has begun. Aunt Lily, Uncle Mike, and Cousin Bobby, who's about your age, but able to drive, and a whole lot of fun have just arrived, from Virginia ready for a vacation in the big city. Christmas morning rolls around, and you open that big red package. Wow! It's a typewriter. Just what you always wanted! But Opps Up Side Your Head, you just remember that research paper is due. The library is closed. You failed (a term that has become an almost unequivocal reality) to remember to right down the book information, what little you had, necessary for a bibliography. You discover that your father has been holding out on you. He has numerous books that will be beneficial in aiding you on the completion of your paper. Your spirits are a bit higher. After 2 hours of sleep, you are up and on the road to recovery-trying desperately to recover that knack for writing. It is 6:00 a.m. January 1, the pressure is on and fatigue is setting in from the all night party you enjoyed to usher in the new year. You finish the paper after 2:00 a.m. January 2, but you still have to draw the cover. Finally at 4:15 a.m. your paper is completed. You are half awake, your paper is not proof read and you forgot to study for a Spanish test. Despite all odds, you are overwhelmed with a feeling of accomplishment. You come to the conclusion that you work best under pressure.

Two weeks later your teacher has graded all the papers and you come out with a C.

This is a typical procrastinator. Although this may be the case in high school, in college it won't be that simple.

The situation in college:

You're told a research paper is due by November 21, on first day of class, reminded about it on November 17, and then you get a grade. Unlike your high school paper which was graded on artsy covers and illustrations, your college research paper is based on accurate, well-written information. The grade you receive may weigh heavily on your semester grade in a college course.

College is a big step from high-school. Procrastination proves poisonous if it prevails in your practice.

Kool G. Rap & D.J. Polo: Rap from the streets of New York

by Terry Benjamin

You can not make a powerful Afro-American culture if you're going to base it on what hustlers and pimps think about the world. Those people have a distorted, vulgar vision of life because they live in a criminal atmosphere in which they see people at their worst.

Stanley Crouch, writer from "The Gangsta Rapper: Violent Hero or Negative Role Model" by David Mills The Source December 1990 p.36-39



In the streets of New York. Dope fiends lean for morphine. The TV screen follows the homicide scene. You live here you're taking a chance. There's a man inside an ambulance.

On this track, Kool G. Rap proves himself a masterful poet as he describes the denizens of his New York:

I'll explain the man sleepin in the rain. His whole life remains inside a bottle of Night Train. Another man got his clothes in a sack.

Cause he spent every time of his life playin black Jack. Kool G. Rap's vision is downbeat but truthful:

Baby needs new shoes. But his Poppa uses all the money for booze.

A young girl is undressed in the backseat of a Caddy. Gailin some man "Daddy."

And his final warning is, "Look behind you when you walk."

That's how it is in the streets of New York. With its jazzy background, Kool G. Rap's "Streets of New York" is a rap classic, a slice of ghetto life made memorable.

Another track that showcases Kool G. Rap's poetic talent is the prison poem "Rikers Island," a cautionary tale for those who contemplate a life of crime. "Just to hear the name it makes your spine tingle," Kool G. raps. "This is a jungle where the murderers mingle." For those who still fail to get the message of this Marley Marl produced track, the chorus speaks volumes: "You won't be smiling on Rikers Island."

The respect this ghetto poet has earned is reflected in the all star cast of producers he has attracted to work with him on his LP. Popular rapper Biz Markie produced "Ernie Racism," a vision of racial harmony that features himself, Kool G. Rap, and Big Daddy Kane. This hip hop meditation mentions fighters for freedom like Malcolm X.

Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela. Kool G. Rap shows a lighter side of his persona as he raps: "So let's form a rainbow over the mountain/And let's drink from the same water fountain." The Diabolical One, Biz Markie sings and raps: "To the black and white the red and the yellow/To all the nationalities I like to say hello." But it is Big Daddy Kane who offers the strongest sentiments:

I know there's different strokes for different folks. But I will so acknowledge what hatred provokes. So don't hate me or try to under rate me.

Cause I collect ends drive a Benz and live greatly.

If all the tracks on this album had the flavor of the gritty "Streets of New York," the hard hitting "Rikers Island," or the timely "Ernie Racism" this record would be for everyone. Unfortunately...

nately these tracks reflect just one side of Kool G. Rap. The other side, the darker side, shows no mercy as it assaults the ears with hard-core verbal brutality and raw street language.

Eric B., well known for his work with rapper Rakim, produces many of the gangster style tracks on this album, adding exciting beats that propel Kool G. Rap's poetry at break neck speeds. "Wanted: Dead or Alive" is a nightmare vision of a violent hero shooting crooked cops and throwing bullet ridden bodies into the river. This is not a place where anyone would want to visit for too long: "One brother got smoked in a car chase/Through the windshield a bullet in the face/Left his head wide open like a basket." Went to his funeral shot up his casket. Tough talk continues on "Kool Is Back" where the poet threatens to bust rival MCs "like a bubble" in a fast rapping style sprinkled with gross profanity. As the self-proclaimed "prince of the New School," Kool G. Rap adds humor to his boasting and bragging on "Play It Kool."

I play it cool making you kneel, squirm, and squeal. My name ain't Rodney but I'm standing on a dangerfield.

The other styles of rap, especially - hard core gangster style rap, will keep Kool G. Rap from getting the artistic recognition he deserves. But this is a choice that many rappers have consciously made. Many are proud to wear the label that warns parents about the street talk and street language found on their albums. On the new LP Kool G. Rap and D.J. Polo are "Wanted: Dead or Alive" but it might be even more interesting to see how far they could go without the stigma of being gangster rappers. It wouldn't be a sellout and it might really open some hearts and minds to the true value of black culture-a spiritual pick me up where we've been down and a step up to the mountain-top of hope. It really comes down to who's vision we follow, the gangster rappers or those rappers who are really "comin' correct" making black people feel good about themselves, giving them fuel for the struggle, hope for a better tomorrow.

It's time for rappers to stop telling us about the negative things we know and start telling us the positive things we can look forward to. The challenge is for rappers to first respect their God given talent, stop dissing each other and themselves, come up with a vision of hope, then start rapping about that. We stand at the crossroads of a strong black cultural movement, a movement to save humanity. That's what time it is.

Webster's Weekly Word



Loquacious Larry has a lot to talk about because he always reads his City News.

Do you know New Jersey?

In the word search below, find 7 of New Jersey's 21 counties.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answers to last week's word scramble:

school, health, family, friends, intelligence, love, clothes, happiness, home, food

Hi! I am the P.T.'s Clubhouse Computer. Me-2 answers all of the questions that you send in. If you have any problems, big or small, please send them to me and I will be happy to help you. Just send it in!

Ask Me-2
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P.O. Box 1774
Plainfield, N.J. 07061

Dear Me-2:

This girl in my class is always talking about me and my friends and saying bad things. I tried to talk to her, but she won't listen. My friends said I should fight her. What should I do?

To: Not A Born Fighter:

Not A Born Fighter

Try to ignore this girl. She is trying to make you angry. Tell all your friends, whom she talks about, to also ignore her gossip until she stops. If she argues with you just don't say anything at all. Don't fight! It won't solve anything and you will get in trouble. As long as she doesn't physically hurt you, don't worry about her.

Captain Africa



DWAYNE FERGUSON

J. Sweet's TOP 10

1. BBD
2. Keith Sweat
3. Tony, Toni, Tone
4. Dina and Susanna Vega
5. Mariah Carey
6. Dee-Lite
7. Ralph Tresvant
8. Maxi Priest
9. Black Box
10. Johnny Gill

I THOUGHT IT WAS ME
MERRY-GO-ROUND
IT NEVER RAINS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
LOVE'S DINER
TOM TAKES TIME
GROOVE IS IN THE HEART
SENSITIVITY
CLOSE TO YOU
EVERYBODY, EVERYBODY
FAIRWEATHER FRIEND

RELIGION

RELIGIOUS
CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

MORRISTOWN—Calvary Baptist Church presents *Carol Day* 12-4 p.m. at 10 Martin Luther King Ave. For additional information call 267-0136.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD—The seventh annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held at the First Baptist Church, 201 Hamilton Blvd. The event is sponsored by the Women's Evening Circle.

Saturday, December 8

NORTH PLAINFIELD—The 104th Christmas Concert of the Plainfield Gesang-und Ton Verein will be held at 7:30 in Swengel Hall, 220 Somerset Street to benefit the Evangelical Church. For more information, call 232-4743.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD—A special pre-Christmas sale will take place at Henderson Hall of the First Baptist Church, 201 Hamilton Blvd. between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

MORRISTOWN—Calvary Baptist Church presents a Sunday School Christmas Program at 4:00 p.m. at 10 Martin Luther King Ave. For additional information call 267-0136.

BOONTON—Installation of Officers at Mt. Zion Service will be performed by Rev. H.K. Anderson at 3:30 p.m.

DOVER—Installation of Officers at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Service will be performed by Rev. John Terry at 3:30, 12 Belmont Ave. For information call 361-1953.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

MORRISTOWN—Calvary Baptist Church will hold a New Year's Eve Watchnight Service at 10:30 p.m. at 10 Martin Luther King Ave. For additional information call 267-0136.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

NEWARK—Newark Recreation and Cultural Affairs Division presents "Sing in Praise of King," a three part worshipful musical. The series will begin at 3 p.m. at the First Zion Hill Baptist Church, 115 Leslie Street. It continues Sunday January 6 at 3 p.m. at the Grace Episcopal Church, 950 Broad St. and concludes Sunday, January 27, 3 p.m. at the St. James AME Church, 588 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. For additional information call Celeste Batten 201-733-6454.

Rev. Henry P. Davis, III celebrate second Pastoral Anniversary

The Community Baptist Church of Lakewood is happy to announce that the Rev. Henry P. Davis, III will celebrate his second Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, December 9th, 1990. The church is located on 300 Horicon Ave. and the guest preacher for the 4:00 p.m. service will be the Rev. Craig Scott Brown, Pastor of the Greater Faith Baptist Church of Stamford, Connecticut and the guest preacher for the 4:00 p.m. service will be our Pastor's father, Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr., who will be accompanied by his choir and congregation from the St. Paul Baptist Church of Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

Mayor Brown of Orange hosts second holiday feast for older adults

ORANGE—Known for holding a special place in his heart for seniors and children, Mayor Robert L. Brown will host his Second Annual Older Adults Holiday Luncheon for Orange senior residents. The festive affair is to begin at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 13, at the Peppermint Ballroom on Central Avenue in Orange. "I again look forward to this event. It affords not only 'experienced adults' residing in senior housing but all Orange seniors to come together, celebrate, and fellowship in the holiday spirit of giving," said Mayor Brown.

This year the affair notes an added attraction. Orange seniors will be able to compete for selection as mayor for a day. Applications will be processed through

Morris County residents meet on issues

Approximately 100 Morris County residents attended a Community Breakfast sponsored by the Morris County Black Coordinating Committee at County College of Morris to discuss issues pertinent to the Black Community, particularly in the Morris County area.

Founded in 1983, the MCBCC's goal is to find ways to effectively solve problems Black communities face in the county. H. Laval Harley, co-chairperson for the event said, "Although local organizations are aware of the problems in the community, and are working toward solving them, they seem to be pulling in different directions." He added, "we need to get local organizations to do the 'electric slide,' noting that coalescing various efforts would be difficult at first, but soon they would get in step and work together for the common good."

Constance Montgomery, in her introductory words, focused on the concerns of Morristown residents. She cited the controversy over the forced resignation of housing commissioners. Montgomery said the resolution recently passed stating that no commissioner will serve more than three years, is a threat to Black community leaders, adding, "Morristown will be wiped out in terms of Black leadership." A petition was circulated to register the concerns of Morris County residents with regard to the pending resignation of the commissioners.

Speaker of the hour, publisher Henry Johnson encouraged the Black community to work together. He added the problems people face in Plainfield and Newark are no different from problems residents of Morris County face. According to Johnson, "Positive things are happening in our communities and our children don't have a monopoly of

Have you seen them?

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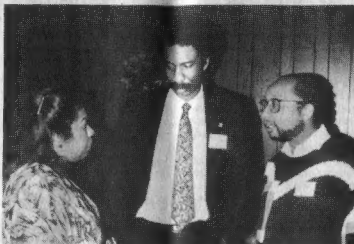
blues category.

The library's New Jersey Division would appreciate written information from those familiar with one or more of the groups. A history of the group and its members, a list of recordings (albums and singles) with dates, and a description of the group's performance may be mailed or brought to the library's New Jersey Division at 5 Washington St., Box 630, Newark, NJ 07101-0630. A list of the groups, including the years that the photographs were taken, is printed below and also is available from the division.

The division would like to identify as many of the performers in the photographs as possible. To make an appointment to view the photographs for the purpose of identification, call George Hawley, supervising librarian, at 733-4870. During an exhibition of the photographs at the library from late January through March of next year the public again will be invited to assist in the identification. Anyone unable to come to the library may write or call Mr. Hawley for a photocopy of the

interviews to be held on December 13, 1990, and 6 to be conducted by the Orange Office of Older Adult Services, according to Marilyn Smith, Coordinator of Older Adult Services. The winner of the contest will be announced on December 13 at the luncheon. To set up an interview time for the contest, seniors should call the Office of Older Adults at 266-0448.

Seniors must call the office to make reservation for the holiday luncheon. The luncheon, which will feature a fashion show, magic show and musical entertainment, will be limited to 400 seniors, age 55 and older. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Group reservations for tables at the luncheon will be accepted.



JoAnn Murphy, Laval Harley, and Charles Craig discuss issues at breakfast meeting sponsored by the Morris County Coordinating Committee.

problems, but in some cases, our children lack support. Children have problems no matter where they are. We need to appreciate the creativity that Black children have brought to this society. Give them a chance to say 'I am okay in what I am doing.' Johnson continued to explain "There is strength in diversity." Parents should not force their children to believe that college is the only way. College is good, but we must not have our children believe that they don't count if they don't get a college degree."

Johnson noted that another way the Black community can affect change is by writing letters to the editors, expressing their views. He said, "We have a lot to say, but we say it in closed sessions. Closed sessions are good but residents and community leaders need to share ideas."

Community service award were presented to John Harris, H. Gospel Singers 1968 & 1971 (Morristown), Broome County college staff members, Bette M. Simmons and Jesse Gist aided in the coordination of the event.

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photograph of a particular group for the purpose of supplying the library with identification of individual members.

The 43 gospel and the 21 secular groups and the year their photographs were taken are as follows:

Back Home Choir 1956, Canaan Baptist Church 1970, Caliente Accapella 1982, Crayons 1971, (Pully) Davis Gospel Singers 1968 & 1971 (Morristown), Divine Gospel Singers 1962, Dynamite Gaykies 1970, Evangelical 1967 (Brook), Evening Star 1982, Four Rock Gospel Singers 1979, Garden State Ensemble 1977 (passerby), Gospel Clefs 1960, Gospel Exchangers 1971 (Passerby), Gospel H. Lites 1967 (passerby), Gospel Servants 1972, Gospel Twilight 1979, Heavenly Stars 1963, Highway Brothers 1962, Jericho Travelers 1962 & 1967 (Passerby), Joy Harmonizers 1964, Joy Singers 1965, The Jubilees 1967, Lenore Singers 1985, Mt. Zion Wrens 1973, Mighty Gospel Warriors 1985, Mighty Royal Travelers 1970, Mighty Rogers 1982, Mighty Soulful Gospel Singers 1959, 1964 (Passerby), Morgan Singers 1984, Moss Gospel Singers 1963, National Crusaders 1961, Rogers Singers 1977, Royal Travelers 1966, Royal Trumpets 1963, Rugged Cross 1977, Semedians 1961, Sons of Faith 1971, 1977, Spiritual Seekers 1960, Spiritual Travelers 1959, Voice of Faith 1963, William Gospel Singers 1972 (Elizabeth) Wings of Faith 1977, Zion Singers 1966 (Passerby), RIT-TOM & JULIES: The Bagdads 1967, The Babells 1966, Byrd Singers 1973, Candy Man 1967, Central Heating 1979, Charles and the Corvairs 1960, Doornmoedies 1972, Exchangers 1963, The Exchangers 1963, The Jesters 1965, Le Saints 1970, Parliament 1966, Performers 1967, Phenomena 1974, Pious 1973, Seven Playboys 1967, The Soul Exciters 1960, The Spaniards 1965, POPULAR-Four Chucks 1967, The Gourdies 1962, Meditations 1967.

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"Holy Redeemer wants to say thank you"

Holy Redeemer wants to say "Thank You" to all those who donated turkeys and food especially, Catholic Social Services, Maria Stella and St. Pauls Parishes for Thanksgiving Day.

Our Auxiliary and Volunteers cooked, prepared platters and delivered turkey dinners to home-bound and needy people in Cape May and Atlantic counties.

We are grateful and appreciate all those who gave of their time and gifts. Thanksgiving time

is a good time to remember and thank this generous God of ours.

It also seems to be an appropriate season to reflect on our gifts and the call to share them gratefully.

Gospel Music Workshop of America presents an "Evening of Song and Praise"

Newark, NJ—The North Jersey Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) is hosting an "Evening of Song and Praise" on Saturday, December 1 at 7pm. This pre-holiday concert takes place at the First Zion Hill Baptist Church, 115 Leslie Street, corner of Clinton Avenue in Newark. Featured guests include Alvin Darling and Celebration, the St. Paul Concert Choir and the Carr Brothers, all of Newark; Diligence of New Brunswick; and Bishop Rushing and the "Majesty-de-frees" of Trenton. Admission is open to the public and a free ticket offering is requested.

Founded in 1968 by Rev. James Cleveland, the GMWA is a national, non-denominational, interracial organization comprised of not only singers, songwriters, ushers, nurses and more. The Adult Division of the North Jersey Chapter meets Thursdays at 8:15pm and the Youth Division (ages 7-23) meets at 7pm. The chapter is currently recruiting new members. For further information call (201) 524-6203.

Villani takes lead

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the City's Administration "identify a centrally located building or facility which would serve as a temporary place for them to go only during the day, and serve to keep them sheltered and out of the elements and out of public facilities where they are overcrowded and unwelcome." This would be a voluntary day shelter, which would also provide many of these individuals with other basic needs. At present, most homeless shelters mandate that the homeless leave during the day and utilize the shelters only for sleeping in the evenings. "It is ridiculous for us to expect that human bodily functions will wait because there are no official 'comfort stations' for the homeless to utilize during certain hours," said the Councilwoman.

A) A motion to the Newark Municipal Council for local legislation which would authorize "the appropriate local officials to make a portion of confiscated drug monies available to use for emergency food and shelter programs, within the County of Essex and the City of Newark."

B) A resolution asking developers to "return dollars to the emergency food and shelter programs, as part of their ongoing commitment to the City of Newark." This should be a small percentage of revenues, or an in-kind donation of goods and/or services, as appropriate.

C) A motion requesting that

Villani indicated that she will "move immediately to have these motions investigated for legal and logistical feasibility", and expects to "work quickly to see that they are put in action. Hopefully, she continued, "we will be able to make some improvements during the winter season when so many homeless people are devastated because even the most basic services are not available for them around the clock."

Coping by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I am really happy that you are trying to help eligible men and women to meet each other. I want a man who has a good job. He has to be at least six feet tall and has to have some weight on him. I want him to be good-looking, like to go to plays, and to listen to good music. He can't smoke or drink too much. Please help me to find my dream man.

Ms. D.,
St. Louis.

Dear Ms. D.:

Your "Dream Man" will probably be found only in your dreams. (That's a joke). But this isn't a joke: You are looking for a mate who is almost perfect. Not many people like that exist. You will probably spend your life searching endlessly, with no success.

In order to be happy in your quest for companionship, you have to be more flexible in your requirements. Your requirements have to be oriented toward people in the real world, rather than near-perfect people who exist mostly in television soap operas. And, finally, you must realize that the "fantastic" person whom you seek might also want fantastic qualities in his mate. He might want you to have beauty, wealth, education, status, personality, material possessions and devotion. Can you fill the bill? Are you near-perfect? Try to be more realistic in your requirements.

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

This is a personal letter, so don't print my name. I do not like the sex that I am having with my man. He is a nice man but he is terrible in bed. I think that his parents must have protected him, too much. He hasn't learned how to make a lady happy in bed. I

have tried to show him a few things about sex, but he seems to be too shy to do what I tell him. I told him that I want getting satisfaction. I have sex and he doesn't. He is really excited and has promised to do better, but he hasn't improved in three months.

We were going to get married, so I know that it will break his heart if I leave him. But what can I do? I like sex and he is not good at satisfying a woman. He is intelligent, handsome, makes good money and goes to church often. I just might call you one of my old

boyfriends who really knows how to make a lady feel good. Or, I might just drop my present boyfriend. What should I do?

Ms. G.,
Atlanta.

Dear Ms. G.:

You are smokers almost twice as much as the average American white male. Sullivan believes his anti-smoking stand will save some of them. The "cost of government health care programs is claiming an ever-increasing portion of the revenue pie," is Sullivan's reason for not refining or redirecting the over 250 programs under his control to correct the imbalance of health-care services to African Americans and other needy minorities. Since Sullivan is an appointee of the President, he must do whatever "Sullivan" says. And judging from Sullivan's speech, the Administration has said nothing about doing something about providing equal health care to the citizens of this country.

Less medicare care service

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provided working African Americans and minorities with equal health care from their employers.

Everyone is ultimately responsible for higher own health as the Honorable Louis Sullivan says repeatedly. Responding to critics of his department's delivery of health care services, or lack thereof, Sullivan says it's changes in cultural behavior that is at fault. Individuals today, he says, "need a comprehensive approach" to achieve proper health care. His answer to the need for more funding for AIDS is that every body who wants funding for non-AIDS care thinks that too much is already being given to fight AIDS and that the AIDS fighters simply "think they have too few dollars. Do not look for an efficient attack for the administration if its answer to the AIDS problems is an example. The needle exchange concept is not going to be resolved by this



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CITY LIFE

Plainfield theatre and entrepreneurs pay tribute to Broadway actor

Screen Premieres

From Serra Syndication

"Predator 2"

"Predator 2" opens in very much the same manner as its predecessor, in a jungle-like setting, only instead of strife-torn Central America, this time it's the streets of Los Angeles in the year 1997. There is a war raging in LA's garment district between a Columbian drug gang (with more fire power than a small army) and a woefully underarmed battalion of LAPD police officers and squad cars. That is, until Detective Lt. Mike Harrigan (Danny Glover) makes the scene. It is at this moment when Glover combining some of his old lethal weapon magic and sheer maverick nerve, that you settle back in your seat and prepare for a bit of blistering film excitement. Unfortunately, that feeling doesn't last long, as this film hardly lives up to the reputation of its original.

But without getting into differences and similarities, this film is of the classic sequel genre. One that merely combines the more sensational elements of the first, while skipping over both its innovation and creativity. The filmmakers tend to make up for it by overdoing the violent, fast-paced action sequences and stunts, mind-blowing technical effects, bloody showdowns, and skillless human cadavers.

Danny Glover stars as Detective Lt. Mike Harrigan, one of LA's toughest cops with a hard-earned reputation for taming the natives inhabiting LA's urban jungle. Bang this time, Harrigan's battle is two-fold, to catch the unexplained force that is taking out and mutilating LA's drug lords (and anyone else with a gun) before he can get to them, and get around Gary Busby, cast as Special Federal Agent Peter Keyes, (who is obsessed with capturing the Predator so that he and his team can study him). The race to see who gets to this alien force first, is a fierce and mutilating maze through the darker shadows of the city. The two finally team up, but to no avail, as their own egos get in the way of capturing the force and leaving the door open for (you guessed it) Predator 3.

Rounding out the cast are Ruben Blades and Maria Conchita Alonso, with Calvin Lockhart in what almost boiled down a cameo as King Willie. Of course, Predator is 72" Kevin Peter Hall. (You might remember him from "227". He's the guy who recently wed "227" co-star Alaina Reed Hall.)

In one of the films more humorous moments, the alien is stalking a subway gang, who is in turn, taking potshots at a seemingly defenseless man. That is, until he pulls out a gun in the spirit of New York's famed subway vigilante, and in the very next instance, every one else in the compartment draws their weapons. Of course, Predator (who is supposedly drawn by the heat of inner city conflicts) is the only one who really has a field day.

In fact, this film is much better suited as a satire. After all, this kind of mindless entertainment really can't be taken seriously, but if it's action and violence you're after, you won't be disappointed.

BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

NEWARK—Mary B. Burch Theatre for the Performing Arts EGO, along with Gallatin's Newark Dance Theatre, will present "Behind the Garden" at 303 Industrial Ave. 7:30 p.m. Performances will run through December 2nd. For additional information and dates call 877-4420.

WAYNE—William Peterson College's 1990-91 Mainstage Theatre Series continues with the Tony Award winning musical comedy, "Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Performances will run through December 9th and will be staged in Shea Center. For additional information, call (908) 255-2371.

NORTH BRUNSWICK—If you're wild about big band music of the '30's and '40's, you might wish to hear the Leon Schoenberg Big Band play the Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College, located on Rte. 1 and Lammington Road. For reservations call (908) 725-3420.

TOMS RIVER—The Robert J. Novins Planetarium at Ocean County College will present "Star of Bethlehem." Performances will run through December 30th. For ticket information, call (908) 755-0343.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents concerts featuring the music of Vivaldi, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky at 8:00 p.m. and additional tickets for ticket information, call (201) 624-3713.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

ELIZABETH—The Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a theatre night for the visually impaired. The group will see "The Rose of the Greenapple." The show of the crowd. To register and for information call 527-4912.

WOODBURGE—The public is invited to enjoy the "Feldia," an afternoon of American folk arts. For a brochure and more information, call (908) 745-4489.

PLAINFIELD—The Swain Galleries presents the 7th annual Music Box Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the historical Crescent District, at 703 Washington St. For more information, call 756-1707.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

PLAINFIELD—The Langston Hughes Lecture Series proudly presents Toni Cade Bambara 2-5 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, 8th Street at Park Ave. Ms. Bambara will read from her works. Reception to follow.

TOMS RIVER—The Ocean County College Performing Arts Series presents "Atlantic Contemporary Ballet Theatre in 'Nutcracker.'" Performances will be held in the Fine Arts Center Theatre on the college campus. For tickets, call (908) 255-0500.

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library introduces the holiday season with the Stereo Chamber Players in concert at 2:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall. The free performance is sponsored by the New Jersey State Development Corporation. The concert is at the main library, 5 Washington Street. For more information, call 753-7793.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

NEWARK—The Student Activity office of Essex County College presents a Tree Lighting Ceremony at the second level forum, 503 University Avenue, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Free Admission. For more information call 977-3208.

PLAINFIELD—The Swain Galleries presents the annual "Christmas Miniatures" exhibit. Running through the 29th, "Christmas Miniatures" opens with a reception from 5-8 p.m. For more details, call 756-1707.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

WEST ORANGE—Poets Charlotte Mandel and Sender Zulauf will be featured at the Poets Forum at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan New Jersey. Further information is available by calling 736-3300, ext. 232.

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Plainfield, N.J.—A gala reception honoring Plainfield's own Emie Scott, renowned actor, singer and pianist, will be held Monday evening, December 10th from 9 p.m. at Swain Galleries, 703 Washington Avenue in Plainfield.

Scott is currently earning acclaim for his role as "Winning Boy" in August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize winning Broadway hit "The Piano Lesson" at the Walter Kerr Theatre. He has a strong influence on the cultural climate of Central New Jersey as an educator in the New Brunswick School System as a member of the Plainfield Cultural & Heritage Commission as an advisor to the Grant Avenue Community Center's special performing arts programs.

Scott is no newcomer to the stage. For the past eight years he has played Lawrence Brown in Philip Hayes Dean's play "Paul Robeson" in New York on Broadway, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia with Avery Brooks. He played Jimmy Powers in "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" in New York at the Westside Arts Theatre and created the role of Sam in Warner Brother's historic production of "Casablanca" at River Arts Repertory Theater in Woodstock, N.Y.

The Gospel Suite, composed by Scott and his wife, Donna, produced a recording by Lionel Hampton. His scene credits include "One Life To Live," "All My Children" and the "Easter Seals Telethon." Appearing as a pianist and singer in Japan, United Kingdom and throughout Europe, he has delighted audiences worldwide.

Scott attended Fisk University and has a B.A. and M.A. from Trenton State College. Teaching performing arts at Trenton State and Middlesex College, he has also directed and performed at Amas Repertory Theatre in New York and Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick where he is currently musical consultant.

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A patron donation of \$25 is requested. Proceeds will benefit the 1991 Season Of Great Performances at Kean-Brown Center Stage of Grant Avenue Community Center.

For additional information, call the Center on (201) 561-0123.

Messiah sing-in planned

The First Metro-Newark Mass Messiah Sing-In sponsored by the Newark Community School of the Arts and Newark Symphony Hall will be held in the Main Hall at 1020 Broad Street, Newark, on Friday evening, December 14 at 8 p.m.

The event, designed to bring together the population and their communities in a combined celebration of the holiday season and Handel's honored score, will be

conducted by Richard Probert, Executive Director of the Newark Community School of the Arts, which is a non-profit arts education institution founded in 1968. Leon Denmark, Executive Director of Newark Symphony Hall and Mr. Probert are co-producers representing their respective institutions.

Reservations are not necessary, but advised. For more information, call 642-0133 or 643-4550.

New appointments

(Continued from page 1)

commissioners Thelma Green, Janet Winston, Donald Johnson, vice-chair, sat to the left of Barbara T. Wilson, chair, while at right, the new blood commissioners, Robert Rogers, Elizabeth Bain and Michael Andrianoso, huddled together in a jubilant bunch, often seen chiding each other and sharing in private but usually apropos conversations.

Undoubtedly this division between old and new commissioners began when the Morris-town council assigned (all three are now the new housing commissioners) to locate and short-comings in the Housing Authority's management through an audit. Based on these findings, Taylor was ousted, housing commissioners John Winstan, Greene and Wilson received hand-delivered letters requesting their resignation; and the U.S. Department of Housing has been enlisted to conduct an independent audit of the authority.

Understandably, the actions of

the Council and the new commissioners have left the older commissioner unseated. And adding to this strained relationship last night were several citing by the Rev. Robert Rogers of telephone abuse and disregard of budget.

A policy to bar long distance phone calls and calls to 800 and 900 numbers was adopted by the board, while budget maintenance expenditures and administrative costs were referred to the finance committee for further review. The board also approved 5 percent across the board raises for housing authority employees.

The fact is, that while the Housing Authority attempts to pick up the pieces following Taylor's departure, they still have some in-house repairs to tend to before any significant progress can be made for the Town of Morris-town. Perhaps to make this marriage of the old and new work they will have to borrow something from the bride: "something old, something new..." as the saying goes.

RADIOSCOPE...THE COLUMN

TOP STORIES: ANITA BAKER-FAIRY TALE COME TRUE? A NEW ROLE FOR ADAM CLAYTON POWELL III A WEATHER GIRL REVEALS BLACK BOX FRAUD SALT 'N PEPA PREPARE TO HIT THE ROAD

From Bailey Broadcasting Services Via Serra Syndication

Anita Baker-Fairy Tale Come True? Over the last four years, Anita Baker has established herself as the queen of contemporary, jazz R&B balladeers. Her current million-selling album, "Compositions" was recorded the old-fashioned way, and is continuing the successful streak of her previous LPs. Once again, her musical instincts have put her right on target. And while, Anita Baker's on top of the world, she's still down to earth. Looking back, Baker's career seems a lot like a fairy tale come true. After a stint with the group Chapter 8, Baker spent two years working regular jobs—as a receptionist, waitress and a cook. In 1982, she recorded her "Songstress" album and had her first taste of success with the hit single "Angel". Her second album, "Rapture", sold over four million copies on the strength of hits like "Sweet Love" and "Caught Up In the Rapture". Her third album, "Giving You The Best That I Got" sold three million albums. She's won six Grammy's and three American Music Awards. With all her super success, Anita Baker would have every excuse to be big-headed, but she has always remained down-to-earth. Says Baker, "I'm not a mega star. I'm too short. I'm an inner city kid from Detroit." Of course, Anita's had her rough times. Her 1988 tour with Luther Vandross was marred behind-the-scenes by bickering between the two. But Baker still feels the concert series was a success. "I think the most important thing to come out of that tour was that we did fabulous business," she says. "People were entertained and that's what they paid for." Anita's biggest personal challenge of the last few years came when she lost the baby she carried through late '88 and early '89. Her husband, Walter Bridgforth, comforted Anita through that trying time and today, she's thinking about the future. There's still plenty of time for her to become a mother. "It's fun to keep trying," she reports. "You have a lot of fun doing this, and Lord willing you know, we'll have a little Anita or little Walter running around." In the meantime, Anita Baker is a class act on-stage and off. Her "Compositions" album showcases her ability as not only a supreme vocalist, but as an outstanding songwriter as well. And her insistence on recording live only shows how much of a true artist she is—not many of today's performers would dare take on such a challenge!

From the PPAT People, Places & Things File: In the months preceding its debut, the Jesse Jackson Show was being touted as the most exciting new information program on the air. So far the program has fallen dreadfully short of the hype. Recently, Quincy Jones announced that veteran broadcaster Adam Clayton Powell III—grandson of the famed politician and civil rights leader, has taken over as executive producer. Powell's former vice-president of news and information programming for National Public Radio, and former producer of the CBS Morning News. Let's hope he's got the right stuff to turn the Jesse Jackson Show into a ratings winner...Switching back to music news, Italian house group Black Box set fire to the charts with their high-energy jam "Everybody, Everybody." But now, a former Weather Girl is raining on their parade! Martha Wash, former lead singer for "The Weather Girls"—the round two-time that rocked the charts hit album, "Dreamworld"—is using Black Box claiming she's the actual lead singer on the airwaves back in 1982. With "It's Raining Men"—is using Black Box claiming she's the actual lead singer on the group's hit album, "Dreamworld". Wash says Katrina Quinol, the former model who is being touted as the voice of Black Box, impersonates her in videos and onstage. **From Our Feedback Line:** If you're curious as to when Sal 'N Pepa are going to be touring, like Tiffany Roberts of Louisville, Ky, you can expect to see Sal 'N Pepa hit the road any time now. Since Pepa has half her baby boy, Tyrann, the girls are ready to put a serious promotional push behind their "Black's Magic" album. Ironically enough, the single, "Express Yourself" has gone platinum without much promotional help from the girls. And now, if you have an opinion on any RadioScope story, just call the Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

EAST ORANGE—African American Entrepreneur Exchange is offering booth rental, the latest successful avenue in achieving your business goals. For more information contact Debra Davis 770-2498.

JAMAICA—Langstaff Seminars on "how to get the most for your real estate dollar" at the Holiday Inn, JFK Airport.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

SHORT HILLS—Volunteer Center of Greater Essex County, Voluntary Action Center of Morris County and Management Resource Center of the YMCA of Greater New York will sponsor a seminar for Executive Directors, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at AT&T Bell Laboratories Center. For more information call 622-3737.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

NEWARK—The 11th annual free tasting benefit for The Boys and Girls Club of Newark will be held in the Court Room.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

UNION—Union County Economic Development Corporation in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor a conference, "Environmental Regulations & Liabilities: Taking Action" at Kean College. (Dawn's Hall, North and Morris Avenues). For more information call 527-1166.

UNION—Kean College Small Business Development Center in conjunction with the Small, Woman and Minority-Owned Business Division of the New Jersey Department of Commerce presents "Develop Your Market Niche," a "how to" workshop at the East Campus, room 120, North Avenue. For additional information, call 527-2946.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

PARAMUS—"Computer Accounting Made Simple: what to look for when selecting an accounting software package" will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Bergen Community College free of charge. For information call 201-447-7495.

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If you do volunteer work for a charity, you may be able to deduct such unreimbursed ex-

penses as uniforms, telephone costs, postage, and auto costs. A 12 cent per mile allowance is available in lieu of actual auto costs.

If you have appreciated securities, consider gifting them to charity. You will get a deduction for the fair market value and you will not have to pay tax on the appreciation (unless you're subject to the alternative minimum tax). On the other hand, don't gift securities that have declined in value because you will

lose the tax benefit of a deductible loss.

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How to substantiate. Make a list of the donated goods and their fair market value. Get a signed and dated slip from the charity acknowledging your contribution. If your non-cash contributions exceed \$500, you will need to complete an extra tax form.

How to value. Used items are usually worth only a fraction of their original cost. If you have problems valuing your goods, visit a thrift shop and note the sales prices on comparable items. If a single item exceeds \$5,000, you will need a professional appraisal unless the item is a publicly traded security.

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On the Money

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Designing Success In the Fashion Industry: "Most people think that black designers and fashion have a look all their own, but there's a stigma in that thinking," says Karl Logan. "Fashion is universal. It's not an age. It's not a color. It's not even a size." But it is about money and good business at least for Logan, whose success at designing some of today's trendy fashions has mushroomed into the development of a chain of retail stores throughout the country. One store is open and operating. Two others are in the making. "I'd like to think that it wasn't difficult, but it is," says the 41-year old designer, whose jackets start at \$300-\$450, and skirts, upwards of \$100. "Most people didn't know I was black until last year," Logan reports. "At that point it didn't make a difference. It was a strategy, and I wasn't going to allow anything such as the skin I'm wrapped in to limit me in any sense." Indeed, it is a strategy that paid off. In fact, Logan's business sense contrasts sharply to the image of most designers as flaky. "I push numbers around. I can not design a collection unless I know where I stand—how much money is in the bank. You need a minimum one million to start a manufacturing company—just a healthy base. I know where every penny is going. I know where every inch of fabric is being cut...I know my stores. I know the buyers and I have to do that. This is a business." Fashion's To Die For? "I like to make people look sexy without taking their clothes off," said 32-year old Ron Finley, and if sales are any indication, Finley has struck gold with his Drop Dead designs. The line, which is showcased nationwide in Nordstrom's retail for anywhere from \$300-\$800. Finley began studying tailoring at 15, "because of a common problem in black folks have...I couldn't find pants to fit me, and here I am," Finley says. "I haven't made it, but I'm doing what I want to do, and I feel good about it." The California-based designer says those interested in fashion should just do it. "Wherever you start is the beginning. Everybody has this illusion that they don't know where to start. Just do it. Anything you do, there's someone out there who's going to buy it."

If there's any one reason actor Blair Underwood gets best dressed kudos, it's Keith Holman-Harper. "I've always been interested in fashion as far as men's wear, especially the more glitzy, glamorous stuff," said the 29-year old designer, who got his first break while working with Bill Whitson, whose biggest client was Michael Jackson. Today, Harper's own clientele—Bobby Brown, New Edition, Heavy D, Blair Underwood, Dorian Harewood, and Johnny Gill, is just as impressive. For \$800 and more a day, he supplies both offstage and onstage looks for them. Harper also has a ready-to-throw line, in department stores. Suits start from \$600-\$1200 for his ready-to-throw line, while custom design prices range from \$1000 to \$15,000 a jacket, and up to as much as \$60,000 per outfit. Fact is, Harper loves personal design. "You can be a little more creative," he says. "It's a lot of fun." However, Harper who has three business degrees, maintains that "it's very easy to get ripped off if you don't know what you're doing." The Kansas City native is presently working on breaking into the international design field. In the meantime, he's also looking to open some retail outlets.

Speaking of money... If you feel as though you were duped by this whole Milli Vanilli scandal, you just might like to know that a series of lawsuits have been filed on behalf of those who purchased the album. Subsequently, a federal court suit is seeking an injunction against future sales as well as refunds for sales before November 15.

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CITY SPORTS

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The Group 1 school boast a record of 8 wins against 5 losses and is seeded 11th. On Wednesday November 7, Science will begin tournament against 6th seeded Our Lady of Good Counsel, another Newark based school.

Science is led by Co-Captains Portia Lowery and Mary Ann Snela; Tasha Green and Tina Richardson. The team is coached by Tracy Wells and Eddie Grant.

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Newark recreation division announces the Third Annual Al Ruffin Memorial Open Tennis Tournament of Champions

The Third Annual Al Ruffin Memorial Newark Open Tennis Tournament of Champions, will be December 15 - 21, at the Mountaineer Tennis Center, 1191 Route 22 East, Mountaineer, New Jersey. Mayor Sharpe James announced.

The tournament is sponsored by the Newark Division of Recreation of Cultural Affairs (DORCA). The sponsors are currently accepting applications, with a \$15 (per event) entry fee. The entry deadline is Monday, December 3, 1990.

James, an avid tennis fan and player, said, "Al Ruffin was an outstanding player, dedicated citizen and one of the best tennis promoters that Newark has ever known. It is a fitting tribute that an event bearing his name has come to stand for excellence."

Roslyn Lightfoot, DORCA manager, added, "During the last two years, tennis enthusiasts in Newark and the surrounding area have been treated to some fantastic amateur tennis. We are again looking forward to providing competitors and spectators with more exciting tennis."

The event features: Men's Open Singles, Men's Junior Veteran Singles 35 & Over, Men's Senior Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Junior Veteran Singles 35 & Over, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Excited about the upcoming sporting event, Harold Wright, DORCA special events coordinator, said, "It is a fantastic tournament, and it will give up-and-coming players a chance to hone their skills and maybe one day turn professional."

All matches will be determined by winning two out of three sets with a 9-point tiebreaker at 6-all. A dress code requiring all participants to be fully clothed in white, pastel or other acceptable tennis attire will be enforced, according to Lightfoot.

The tournament will be strictly enforced by the tournament officials. The time for bickering and dilly-dallying has passed and everything should be set in motion to draw up a new South African constitution before it is too late.

If President de Klerk was sincere about ending apartheid and bringing about change as he has been mandated to do, he would have already abolished apartheid in 1990 and begun to plan for the new South Africa that he has promised mankind and which everyone is awaiting.

The next few months will prove how sincere or insincere de Klerk is in his avowed promise to change South Africa from a racist state to a democracy.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to winners and second-place finishers for all events.

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For further information on the tournament, please contact Harold Wright (201-733-3749).

Morristown residents oppose resignations

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aware of the charges against them prior to a public meeting.

Cresciello explained that Commissioners were asked to resign before charges were made. In fact, an investigation was ordered only after the Commissioners refused to step down.

Rev. Clarence Crawford, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church said, "It seems woefully unfair to ask the Commissioners to resign before the investigation."

Cresciello said, "We were looking for new leadership," adding, "The Housing Authority has been in trouble for a long time. We need a continuous change of Commissioners."

Mayor Norman Bloch agreed that the Housing Authority was plagued with problems, but disagreed as to how they should be solved. Bloch said, "Dismissing the Commissioners would only serve to split the community." He added, "I believe the Commissioners acted in good faith."

Personally the authority is without a full time director. Former Executive Director John Taylor resigned his \$45,000 a year post after an investigation prompted by the Council turned up several examples of poor management.

Dorothy Johnson, Vice Pres. of the Housing Authority, read a letter to the Council accusing them of neglecting their duties as a governing body. Johnson said,

"The Council never offered suggestions or its resources to aid the Authority; it never communicated with the Authority; instead it communicated to the public by way of the media."

Former Council woman Connie Montgomery accused the Council of leaking information to the media, alluding to a recent article in the Star Ledger where Commissioners were accused of mismanagement before they were made aware of the charges. "There might not be any validity to the charges, but the damage has been done," said Montgomery.

Town Clerk, William Chambers read a list noting more than 30 charges made against the Commissioners. Among them were: failure to properly utilize staff; failure to take action to collect past due rent; failure to provide receipts for travel expenses.

Second Ward resident Julia Kersey presented the Council a petition with 470 signatures denouncing their actions. "We believe this is political," said Kersey.

In a 5-2 vote it was decided that a special hearing be set to formally charge the Commissioners. Council member William Barber and Council Pres. be given a 10 day notice informing them of formal charges prior to the hearing.

South Africa police continue harassment

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march by the Johannesburg City Council and Traffic Department.

The demonstrators demanded the closure of the Township Councils and the resignation of their members.

Nelson Mandela who has recently returned to South Africa after a most successful fundraising and morale-boosting campaign in the Orient and Australia contends that peaceful demonstrations are a part of the democratic process and should not be interfered with by the police and military. Winnie, his wife, said angrily at a funeral in

Atteridgeville, Pretoria, that demonstrations were the only way for the oppressed Africans to express their grievances. The government, she said, "cannot teach us how to fight apartheid."

Already one third of South Africa's black Township Councils have been rendered defunct. But the other two-thirds are still in operation.

The impending black-white constitutional negotiations are so close that time should be considered a priority by everyone involved. All the pillars of apartheid plus the system of racial segregation itself should be done

away with at once, to make way clear for the negotiation process to progress unhindered.

The fact that, at this stage, de Klerk has not yet cleared the way for irreversible change to take place without let or hindrance shows his unwillingness to end apartheid and usher in a democratic and democratic system of government in South Africa.

However, the determination of the Africans of the country and the international community of nations is more pronounced than ever to end the vile system of apartheid once and for all time.

The great media war

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have any members of their family who are poised to be returned to this country in bondages.

The telecasts and headlines tell us that the U.S. must use military force, comprised of priorities who couldn't find jobs at home, to punish Iraq for its "naked aggression." Bush's broadcast news readers and puppet print editors report that "aggression" such as that of Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait cannot be tolerated in the civilized world. But the racist nature of our society prevents them from telling us about the ongoing "aggression" of Israel, America's Anglo ally, against the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza. African-Americans should not lose sight of the fact that nothing our military, or media, plans to do to "resist" the current Gulf Crisis will be lasting in the area, unless such settlement is linked to a just resolution of Israel's occupation of Arab lands and its withdrawal from inside the borders of Lebanon.

While we are listening to the media's drumbeat for war against the dark-skinned people of Iraq, we will hear that the United Nations has imposed sanctions against that country for its invasion of Kuwait. What they don't say on W-NEWS is that Israel has been condemned by that same U.N. body more than any other state in the world for violations of international law and human rights. All these condemnations have meant nothing because the U.S. government, the color-blind "defender" against aggression around the world, has blocked any attempts to place sanctions or blockades against Israel for their onslaughts against Arabs in the occupied territories.

The same media that trusts a quick-strike war against the "terrorist" Arabs, also has an ongoing habit of discrimination against African-Americans. These public opinion formers want us to accept the fact that the current treatment of Arabs and African-Americans is just correct. Though blacks can't get a Civil Rights law passed, nor jobs in broadcast or print publication new rooms where they represent less than 5 percent of the employees, it seems interesting that Pro-

servers of American Democracy are extremely eager to place high numbers of minorities in the line of "volunteer" military in the line of indiscriminating gun fire.

The reason for the pending war is to protect U.S. economic interest here and there. African-Americans reject the concept of a Persian Gulf War in significantly greater numbers than whites because our economic interests

aren't served by this war, or society. 60 percent of Black America is opposed to the war and we know that 25 to 30 percent of the deaths to come from that war will be our youth. Even if our forces are as successful in the Gulf as the media believes, African-Americans know that when black soldiers return home the same sense of "American fair play and economic justice" will

be awaiting them.

So while Bush and the lying mass media sell us on the concept that we're after a "just" situation in the Middle East, Black Americans should continue to be suspect of any justice, fair play and human rights being discussed that does not progress the level of non-white communities around the world.

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